

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of managing a user's passwords for a plurality of system resources ~~using a password registry associated with said~~ accessible by a user, said method comprising:

providing a plurality of front-end interfaces on a workstation, each of said front-end interfaces corresponds to a type of system resource accessible by a user via said workstation;

generating an encrypted password for each of said types of system resources from
(i) ~~an a corresponding~~ unencrypted user specified password provided by a user at a process associated with said each resource;

(ii) ~~receiving an encrypted password from said process associated with said each resource; and~~

(iii) ~~storing said encrypted passwords in said a password registry within said workstation; such that said unencrypted user specified password is unknown to said password registry~~

in response to an access request to one of said system resources via a corresponding one of said front-end interfaces, retrieving from said password register an encrypted password corresponding to said requested system resource; and

passing said retrieved password from said password registry to said corresponding front-end interface for decryption in order to permit said access request.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~ includes associating with each of said encrypted passwords with an ~~at least one piece of~~ identifying information.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said identifying information includes at least one of a user ID, a resource hostname, and a resource type, ~~and the method further~~ ~~comprises~~ storing ~~said at least one of said user ID, said resource hostname and said resource type~~ with said encrypted password.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said method further ~~comprising~~ includes utilizing at least one of said user ID, said resource hostname, and said resource type as a query key to uniquely identify said each system resource and said encrypted password for said each system resource.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said method further includes ~~comprising:~~ (iv) for subsequent user access to said each resource, retrieving a corresponding one of said encrypted passwords using said query key; and (v) decrypting ~~said retrieved encrypted password at said process associated with each resource.~~

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26. (new) A computer readable medium having computer program product for managing passwords for a plurality of system resources accessible by a user, said computer readable medium comprising:

computer program code for providing a plurality of front-end interfaces on a workstation, each of said front-end interfaces corresponds to a type of system resource accessible by a user via said workstation;

computer program code for generating an encrypted password for each of said types of system resources from encrypting a corresponding unencrypted password provided by a user;

computer program code for storing said encrypted passwords in a password registry within said workstation;

computer program code for, in response to an access request to one of said system resources via a corresponding one of said front-end interfaces, retrieving from said password register an encrypted password corresponding to said requested system resource; and

computer program code for passing said retrieved password from said password registry to said corresponding front-end interface for decryption in order to permit said access request.

27. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein said computer readable medium further includes computer program code for associating each said encrypted password with an identifying information.

28. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein said identifying information includes at least one of a user ID, a resource hostname, and a resource type.

29. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein said computer readable medium further includes computer program code for utilizing at least one of said user ID, said resource hostname, and said resource type as a query key to uniquely identify said each system resource and said encrypted password for said each system resource.

30. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein said computer readable medium further includes computer program code for retrieving a corresponding one of said encrypted passwords using said query key.